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## OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6536

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING GENERAL PERMITS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill establishes annual fees for people operating under general permits issued by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) on or after October 1, 2013. It requires them to pay the annual fee in addition to the registration fee required under existing law.

Unless a general permit specifies otherwise, the bill requires anyone authorized to conduct a regulated activity covered by a general permit to pay an annual fee of (1) \$200 when the permit requires both registering with DEEP and obtaining its approval of the registration before starting the activity or (2) \$100 when the permit requires only registration with DEEP before the activity is allowed.

Under the bill, a general permit issued on or after October 1, 2013 may require no annual fee or may prescribe a different amount, not exceeding \$1,000.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***General Permit***

DEEP issues both individual and general permits to regulate activities. It issues individual permits directly to an applicant. General permits authorize similar minor activities by one or more applicants (e.g., removal of derelict structures, minor seawall repair). The general permit may require an applicant to register with DEEP or both register

and obtain DEEP approval.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 10 (03/25/2013)